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SUBJECT: SELF-DETERMINATION, SAVIMBI, AND SPINOLA

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1. WE ASSUME SAVIMBI'S LETTER TO "A PROVINCIA" PUBLISHED JUNE 18 IS GENUINE. TEXT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOCOPY OF TYPED ORIGINAL SHOWING SAVIMBI'S SIGNATURE.

2. LETTER WILL PROBABLY BE TAKEN BY MPLA, FNLA, AND PORTUGUESE-FOREVER TYPES AS ADMISSION BY UNITA OF THAT SMALL GROUP'S WEAKNESS AND UNREPRESENTATIVITY WITHIN ANGOLA AS A WHOLE. IN FACT, SAVIMBI MORE OR LESS ADMITTED AS MUCH IN HIS INTERVIEWS WITH WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT LEON DASH LAST YEARGN SAYING IT COULD TAKE A COUPLE OF DECADES FOR UNITA TO POLITICIZE ANGOLA'S PEOPLES FULLY.

3. UNLIKE MPLA AND FNLA, UNITA DOES NOT ASSUME THAT MOVEMENT'S EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO REINS OF POWER HERE; AND SAVIMBI SEEMED TO BE GOING TO GREAT LENGTHS TO REASSURE ALL ANGOLANS (BLACK AND WHITE) THAT CREATION OF A TRUE DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURE AND UNDERSTANDING OF IT BY EVERYONE INVOLVED MUST TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER EVENTUAL RIGHT

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OF MAJORITY TO INDEPENDENCE.

4. SAVIMBI'S POSITION ON HOW TO ACHIEVE SELF-DETERMINATION IN ITS ESSENTIALS IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH SPINOLA'S VIEWS (LISBON 2416); EXERCISE OF SELF-DETERMINATION REQUIRES CAREFUL PREPARATION OF POPULACE TO BE GENUINE, DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WHICH CANNOT BE ACHIEVED INSTANTLY BUT WHICH REQUIRES PRIOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE LEARNED THAT AT SPECIAL BRIEFING FOR PRESS LAST WEEK CINC/ANGOLA PRAISED SAVIMBI FOR HIS STATEMANSHIP AND SAID "HE IS ONE OF OURS" - MEANING, SOMEONE WITH A PORTUGUESE MENTALITY WITH WHOM PORTUGUESE HOPE TO WORK CLOSELY.
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